



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of Colorado experienced above average temperatures with little to no precipitation arriving last week according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. Producers were allowed 6.9 days in the field with these conditions.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	34	42	24	0
Last Week	27	44	29	0
Last Year	2	27	69	2

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	16	40	43	1
Last Week	15	39	45	1
Last Year	3	35	57	5

**Small Grains:** Spring wheat was 99 percent harvested by week's end. Winter wheat was reported at 90 percent seeded with 45 percent emerged.

**Row Crops:** The warm and dry conditions allowed corn to progress to 79 percent mature with 19 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly good condition by the end of the week. The harvest of corn silage was reported at 95 percent complete. Sorghum was 65 percent mature and 4 percent harvested at week's end. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition. Sunflowers were 24 percent harvested and rated in mostly good to fair condition. Dry onions were 85 percent harvested by week's end. Summer potatoes were 95 percent harvested at the end of the week. Fall potatoes progressed to 72 percent harvested. Sugarbeets were 19 percent harvested and were rated in mostly good condition. Dry beans were 93 percent cut with 75 percent harvested at the end of the week.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/

Week ending October 3, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	0	6	24	55	15
Last Year	2	10	24	49	15
Sorghum					
This Week	1	5	27	60	7
Last Year	0	2	26	64	8

**Pasture, Range and Hay:** Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado were reported in mostly fair to good condition with the dry weather. The third cutting of alfalfa progressed to 92 percent complete and the fourth cutting was reported at 41 percent harvested. The crop is rated in mostly good to fair condition.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep were average for the week. Stored feed supplies remain average for this time of year and livestock are rated in mostly good condition.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 3, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	1	19	46	33	1
Prev. Year - 2009	5	13	30	41	11
5-Year Avg.	7	19	39	30	5

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending October 3, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Seeded	90	65	80	83
Emerg'd	45	26	46	50
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Harvested	99	94	85	96
<b>Corn</b>				
Mature	79	55	60	75
Harvested	19	9	19	16
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	95	90	81	88
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Mature	65	40	68	62
Harvested	4	1	15	13
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	85	75	77	81
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Cut	93	80	82	85
Harvested	75	50	58	60
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	92	86	76	90
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	41	27	18	28
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	95	70	75	81
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	72	53	67	59
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	24	5	19	23
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	19	13	34	15

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
<b>Livestock</b>	0	1	18	72	9
<b>Alfalfa</b>	0	4	28	52	16
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	4	16	57	23
<b>Sunflowers</b>	1	4	34	52	9

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.